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Have A Real Home on Your Farm

A Farm with an unpainted house standing in an open field in the glaring sunshine, with cotton rows running up near it, no green grass, no trees nor shrubbery, and not a flower blooming around it, is a place the boys and girls of the family will embrace the first opportunity to escape from.

Especially will this be the case with the girls if the interior of the house corresponds with the exterior, for much of the beauty and comfort of the home depends on the woman having a chance to beautify the interior. The farmer in such a place as I have described may by most rigid economy accumulate money, and may get a reputation among his neighbors as a good farmer, simply because he has made some money. But he has missed life, real life, and has simply been grubbing after filthy lucre. He has failed to make a home, and from the old house that was simply a shelter, the boys and girls will leave him to himself after awhile, and would not be manly boys nor womanly women if they did not. For the boys and girls are catching the spirit that is abroad in the South, and will leave the old shelter and be making real homes for themselves.

Painting the house is not only adding to its appearance, but is important in adding durability to the woodwork. A dwelling should be painted every three years at least.

Then make a pretty grass lawn about the house, especially a good sweep of grass showing from the front windows. While trees and shrubbery are important and desirable, do not smother the whole front with trees but keep some open lawn there and plant trees and shrubbery as a framework for the lawn. In our Southern homes we use the porches more for shade than the trees, and we do not want the breeze smothered out by too thick planting of trees.

Flowering shrubbery along the base of the house greatly helps the appearance of the house itself, and with a variety that bloom in succession from early spring till late summer the shrubbery can be made very attractive and interesting. Then to the sides of the dwelling have some flower beds, largely of the hardy herbaceous plants that come up and bloom every year with some of the summerflowering bulbs like the old Madonna lily and gladiolus, and on the shady side of the house a bed of the lily of the valley.

Then keep the grass in the lawn good and neat with the lawn mower and an annual top dressing of bone meal, and do not use it for a horse pasture. Stock of no kind should be allowed on the lawn. Have a good pasture elsewhere, so that there will be no temptation to turn the horses on the lawn to tear up the shrubbery and bite the trees.

Then make a drive to the house that will not be used by the farm wagons, and make this drive of good material, rock, if at hand, for the foundation, and close packing gravel for the surface.

See that the rooms inside are made homelike with neat wall paper and good pictures and good books and plenty of papers and magazines. Get a good lighting system, if you can afford it, and above all provide the house with running water and a good bath and drainage. And while putting improved

Americans Are 110 Miles Below The Border

With the American Army March 18.—Via Wireless to Columbus, N. M.—After marching more than 110 miles into Mexico, in 42 hours, the American punitive expedition today received information apparently locating Pancho Villa, the object of their chase. Disposition of the troops began tonight for the task of hunting him down. Meanwhile, Villa was reported continuing his outrages upon Americans.

The expedition reached—(name deleted by censor). They were informed that the Mexican leader passed through this place only a few days ago. The latest information of Villa's present whereabouts placed him on the ranch of Candelario Hernandez, one of the sub chiefs with him on the raid against Columbus.

Gen. John J. Pershing personally led the flying cavalry column in the 110-mile dash. Every man in his command was mounted. They pressed through a section of Mexico where water was scarce. For such a large body of men the speed maintained was remarkable and the good condition in which they came through was inspiring.

Only a few cavalry horses and pack mules were lost, the victims of a hard ridden trail. The men reached the camp thirsty and hungry but otherwise in good condition, fit for action and eager for the pursuit of Villa to begin in earnest. Here they were met with reports that Villa had raided the American colonies in the vicinity of his mountain retreats and that he had killed residents of these colonies.

Must Be Cautious

When the train came to a stop an antique-looking dame thrust her head out of the window opposite the refreshment room and briefly shouted, "Sonny!"

A bright-looking little boy came up to the window, relates The Buffalo Times.

"Little boy," she said, "have you a mother?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"Do you love her?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"Do you go to school, dear?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"And are you faithful to your studies?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"Do you say your prayers every night?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"Can I trust you to do an errand for me?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"I think I can, too," said the lady, looking steadily down the manly face. "Here is a penny. Get me an apple. Remember, God sees you!"

machinery and implements on the farm, do not forget that the kitchen should be homelike as well as the rest of the house. Heat the house all over from the cellar, and then you will be getting something like a home outside and in, and the boys will like it so well that they will get fond of the home and the farm, and will want an education that will make them better farmers. It will take a first-class young man to attract the girls away from such a home, and they will not take up the first chance to escape from a place that is not a home.—W. F. Massey in Progressive Farmer.

UNION COUNTY NEWS

Monroe Enquirer.

An automobile thief got in some successful work here last Saturday night. He found a Ford runabout belonging to the Monroe Hardware Company standing on the street near Central Methodist church. Mr. Frank Redfearn, who had driven the car last had taken the key to the car with him. The thief went to the Tharp Hardware and Manufacturing Company's place and from Tharps "John Henry" he stole the key and used it in making a get-away with the Monroe Hardware Company's machine. The thief went up the Charlotte road and when he was about three miles and a half beyond Matthews the gasoline gave out and he could go no further on wheels. He took the laprobe out, went into a nearby pine thicket, raked up a bed of pine straw and it is presumed took a nap. He left the robe in the bed of straw. Mr. O. V. McGee came down from Charlotte Sunday morning and reported that he saw an abandoned car by the road side near McAlpine's creek and Policeman Laney and Mr. Frank Redfearn went up and found that the abandoned car was the one that had been stolen. The thief took the key of the Tharp car with him and is ready for the next locked Ford he finds. Parties say that they saw a large negro man leaving the car on the Charlotte road early last Sunday morning.

A small boy went up to a bale of cotton at the Icemorlee Mill last Sunday afternoon and calling to some companions said, "Look at me set fire to this cotton and then put it out." He struck a match and carried out the first part of his proposition to perfection. The second part was not carried out—not by the boy. After a hard fight a number of men succeeded in putting out the fire after it had spread over about 100 bales of dry cotton. The loss is not great and is covered by insurance.

Mr. Charles Helms of New Salem township, had his right leg sawed off just above the knee last Friday afternoon. He was at work at Mr. H. E. Helms' saw mill near Watson church and fell across the saw carriage and was carried against the saw. The leg was completely severed. By cording the leg Mr. Helms' life was saved and he was taken in an automobile to a hospital in Charlotte and the wound dressed and the patient has been doing fine ever since and expects to return home in a few days. Mr. Helms is a good citizen and his terrible injury is regretted by a great many friends.

Messrs. J. W. Hamilton, James E. Liles and Archie Levy have formed a copartnership under the firm name of Hamilton-Liles Co. The stock of goods carried by Hamilton & Griffin and by Mr. Archie Levy have been consolidated.

Willis Harris and Robert Mitchum, colored, started to town from their homes in west Monroe township last Saturday morning in a top buggy drawn by a mule. That buggy never reached town. It was burned up. The men stopped at the home of Henry Presson, colored, and went into the house for a social chat and while they were in the house the tow sack which was wrapped around a hot rock which had been put in the buggy for foot warming purposes, ignited and from that the buggy caught on fire and when it was discovered the top and the body were flaming and it was impossible to put out the fire until

Curative Value of Wheat Bran

Perhaps if ordinary wheat bran, which anyone can secure for a few pennies, were put up in fancy pound packages as a valuable laxative, and a fancy price charged for it, more people would use it. Like so many other things in the world, because it is cheap, people fail to place a proper valuation on it.

As a laxative wheat bran has few equals writes Dr. A. M. Hughes in Farm and Home. It leaves no bad results if taken properly, and seldom fails to relieve constipation and the very many ailments that result directly and indirectly from constipation.

Bran taken properly, will clear up the so-called "liver-spotted" skin, remove the ordinary indigestion, remedy dry skin, and, it is claimed by many, prove a help in anemia.

Nothing comes in boxes, jars, or bottles, that is much a skin beautifier as wheat bran. A poor skin, as most people know now, is due to impure blood, and impure blood is generally a stomach condition. Constipation, indigestion and other ailments cause sallow, blotched, pimply and otherwise unlovely complexions. The use of wheat bran will help to correct these, relieve the constipation, improve the blood, and, this done, the skin becomes once more good to look upon. No beauty doctor can begin to work such a miracle of beautifying the skin with mere cosmetics and instruments. It is especially good for skin eruptions, noted so frequently with young people. One good way to take it is to stir it in a glass of cold—not ice water, and drink it.

If the children, or adults for that matter, dislike to take it in this manner, mix it with the morning cereal.

For children, invalids or anyone else who likes it that way, mix a good quantity of bran with marmalade, honey or some other syrup, and spread it on bread.

Or it may be eaten clear, as a cereal, with cream and a little sugar.

As to the quantity, it all depends upon your need of a laxative. Anywhere from one to five heaping tablespoons may be taken daily. The morning is a good time to take this, as it is not a severe physic when handled properly.

Encampment in May

The National Government will hold an encampment for business men of this section at Fort Oglethorpe, near Chattanooga, Tenn. The first of these will begin May 3rd and last until May 30th. The expense of this encampment will be \$30.00 to be paid on entrance, a uniform to cost, including marching shoes about \$18.00 and railroad fare of about \$10.00 for round trip. This will include all necessary expense for the thirty days. All attending will get the very best of training under U. S. Army officers. This includes not only drilling but lectures and general instruction to make a man a broader and better informed man and citizen. Those in charge of the arrangements expect 200 from South Carolina and it is hoped that there will be at least ten from Chesterfield county. Any other information and application blanks can be had from E. Walker Duvall, Cheraw, S. C.

nearly all of the buggy was destroyed. In the buggy was a bushel and a half of corn which was being taken to mill and the corn was ruined.

Jasper, Last of Allen Clan, Shot To Death

Roanoke, Va., March 18.—Jasper Allen, 50 years old, of Carroll County, Va., last of the Allen clan which became prominent four years ago when they killed Judge Thornton H. Massie, several jurors and court officers at Hillsville, Va., was shot and killed early this morning by Will McGraw, alleged moonshiner and reputed "bad man," according to information received here today from Mount Airy, N. C. The shooting occurred at a road house in Carroll County, near the Virginia-North Carolina line, where the two men had secured lodging for the night.

Allen, it is said, resented a statement made by McGraw, that Wesley Edwards, one of the clan who is now serving a 27-year term in the Virginia penitentiary, "does not have the nerve people give him credit for."

A fist fight ensued, the men clinched, two shots were fired in rapid succession, and Allen fell with a bullet through the brain.

The dead man was the father of Friel Allen, serving 15 years in the Virginia penitentiary for participation in the Hillsville tragedy, and brother of Floyd Allen, who died in the electric chair two years ago in expiation of his part in the court house shooting.

Jasper Allen was famed in the mountains for his fearlessness, and was said to be the "brains" of the Allen clan.

McGraw fled to the mountains, where it is believed he is in hiding. He is wanted by Federal authorities for violations of the revenue laws.

"Pass de Hat"

The colored parson had just concluded a powerful sermon on "Salvation am Free" and was announcing that a collection would be taken for the benefit of the parson and his family. Up jumped an acutely brunette brother in the back of the church.

"Look a-yeah, pahson," he interrupted, "yo' ain't no sooner done tellin' us dat salvation am free dan yo' go askin' us fo' money. If salvation am free, what's de use in payin' for it? Dat's what I want to know. An' I tell yo' p'intedly dat I find out. Now—"

"Patience, brudder, patience," said the parson. "I'll lucidate. S'pose yo' was thirsty an' come to a river. Yo' could kneel right down an' drink your fill, couldn't yo'? An' it wouldn't cost yo' nothin', would it?"

"Ob co'se not. Dat's jes' de very thing—"

"Dat water would be free," continued the parson. "But, s'posin' yo' was to hab dat water piped to yo' house, yo'd have to pay, wouldn't yo'?"

"Yas, suh, but—"

"Waal, brudder, so it is wid salvation. De salvation am free, but it's de habin' it piped to yo' dat yo' got to pay fo'. Pass de hat, deacon; pass de hat."

Johnny was sliding on the barn roof. He was going so fast that he was afraid he would fall over the edge, so he called out: "Oh, Lord, save me!"

He slid on; then, suddenly stopping, exclaimed: "Never mind, Lord, I'm caught on a nail!"

Sunday School Convention March 22nd and 23rd.

Chesterfield County Inter denominational Sunday School Convention to be held in Presbyterian church in Cheraw, S. C. March 22nd and 23rd.

First Session, 3.30 p. m. Wednesday, Devotional services.

The Convention Keyword Religious Education for all the people with report of the year's work in county, President L. A. Kerr.

The Growing Teacher General Secretary R. D. Webb

Enrollment of delegates and appointment of Committees.

Second Session, 8.00 p. m. Wednesday, Devotional Services.

The Church at Sunday School and the Sunday School at Church. Rev. Peter Stokes.

Religious Education for all the people of the State, through organized Sunday School work. Pledges taken by Gen. Secretary R. D. Webb.

How to secure punctual attendance. Lesson study and Contributions. Open discussion of methods.

Third Session, Thursday 10. a. m. Devotional Services.

The New Sunday School Ideal, by General Secretary R. D. Webb.

What a Sunday School teacher should be and know, by Rev. A. W. White.

Reports of Committees and election of officers.

Helping every Sunday School for 1916, by General Secretary Webb.

What will I do towards helping every Sunday School in our County? One minute responses from each county officer.

Selection of place of next meeting and adjournment.

This is an Interdenominational meeting and every worker in every whithe Sunday School in the county is urgently requested to attend. This Association is State-wide and World wide. It advocates the latest and best methods of Sunday School work and stands only for these interests that are common to Sunday Schools of all denominations. Its plans and methods are practicable for all as they do not touch upon church doctrines. The work is by way of suggestion, not by authority, therefore it helps many and hinders none.

Loran A. Kerr, County President.

D. L. Tillman, Acting Secretary.

Stevenson for Rural Credits

Mr. Stevenson, in his race for congress, advocates a rural credit system. In the South, three-fourths of the people are farmers. The great banking law put through by this administration made some provision for farmers but none for the man who has to buy his land and needs long credit on it. Six months is the longest credit he can get under that law. There should have been a land credit system embraced in it whereby a man could get a long credit and low rate of interest on real estate and enable him to buy, or redeem a home. Why was it not passed with the balance of the bill?

Registration Books Open

Registration books will be open every first Monday at the Auditor's office until 30 days before the general election.

S. B. Timmons, Chm.

E. T. White, Clerk,

W. M. Belk.